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On 3 June 1953, the Altengrabow troop training grounds was occupied to capacity. A Doernitz resident stated that, at present, artillery units from Altenburg were also stationed at the training grounds. Several artillery officers from Altenburg stated that they, this year, would stay at Altengrabow only for a short time and would soon leave. During the preceding years, these units had stayed at the training grounds all summer. Except for the troop quarters at Altengrabow and the Rosenkrug cantonment, about 2 km south of Schopsdorf, no troop camps were determined in the training area or in the vicinity. The Rosenkrug cantonment stretched southward as far as the Doernitz-Wendlobbese road. Forty 122-mm field howitzers were at a parking lot in the woods north of the abovementioned road. Numerous one-story temporary quarters were seen in the same area. An undetermined number of troops received instruction on 3 x 122-mm field howitzers in a wooded area east of the parking lot where the guns had been observed. On 10 May, four trucks, including three towing 85-mm AA guns, 25X1C

25X1C and one towing a 37-mm AA gun; 25X1C were observed in Altengrabow. Between 22 May and 9 June, a column of 7 driving school trucks, 25X1C each occupied by 2 to 5 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and a column of 11 driving school trucks, 25X1C each occupied by about 5 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen near Altengrabow. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the troop training grounds 25X1C

25X1A Comment. The artillery units from Altenburg mentioned belong to the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig the bulk of which, in late April, transferred to Altengrabow. According to the caliber of the howitzers, the Rosenkrug cantonment presumably is occupied by the 13th How Arty Brig (US) from Rathenow. The driving school vehicles observed also belonged to the brigade and headquarters units of the IV Arty Corps. The AAA column probably belonged to the 31st AAA Div which, according to reports on transportation, transferred to Altengrabow on two trains in early May. The other motor vehicle 25X1 belong to the Third Shock Army, the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig, the 13th AAA Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div. From the latter two divisions, presumably light AA units were at Altengrabow which had transferred there in early and/or late April.

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